There is no provision for arrest in the Income-tax Act, 1961 for suspected evasion of tax.

Indo-Swiss pact on deposit detail

2623. SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approached the Swiss Government for an Indo-Swiss pact on deposit details;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether in an interview published in Indo-European Affairs the Swiss Ambassador in Delhi said that such agreement will create a problem of precedence; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.

Conference of Chief Secretaries for administrative reforms

2624. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the administrative reforms evolved in the Conference of Chief Secretaries of the States held on 16th February 1987; and

(b) what are the reaction of the State Governments in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) In the context of administrative reforms some of the salient points made in the Conference were as follows:—

(i) It is important that the available resources are utilised mainly for investment in genuine development areas and not diluted by adoption of *adhoc* or populist schemes. It is also necessary that continuous attention is given to adoption of such new technology as would give higher results at lower costs.

(ii) Steps towards revitalising the Panchayati Raj institutions be taken with determination and speed. This shall involve regular elections to these bodies, adequate devolution of resources etc.

(iii) As in the Centre, the States shall also devise and establish a suitable nodal agency to monitor the machinery at different levels to redress public grievances and to take steps to strengthen the same.

(iv) The States shall cooperate in setting up of the special/exclusive courts for speedy trial of cases filed by CBI and the States anti-corruption agencies.

(v) The Central Government offered to make the Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal located in a State as a common Tribunal for dealing with cases of both Central and State Government employees, on a cost-sharing basis.

(vi) The system of reviews at the district level by Committee headed by the District Judge should be revived and stabilised in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court.

(vii) The system of inspections by supervising officers shall be further strengthened. It shall also be ensured that there is effective touring by officers at differnt levels.

(viii) The training of police personnel should be reoriented to cope with the change pattern of violence and new threats to Law and Order. Training should impart new skills